

GERMANS GAIN GROUND

TEUTONIC NIGHT ATTACK IS MADE ON FRENCH LINE SOUTH OF SOMME FIVE PERSONS ARE SHOT AND KILLED BY A NEGRO

Several Attempts on the Part of Germans to Take a Town Fail with Losses.

GERMAN RAID BROKEN UP
Substantial Progress is Made by the British on a Front of 1,000 Yards.

LONDON, July 18.—Substantial progress by the British on a front of 1,000 yards north of Ovillers was announced Tuesday by the war office.

PARIS, July 18.—The Germans made an attack Monday night on the French line south of the Somme and gained ground in the vicinity of Blaches, the war office announced Tuesday.

The German attack was delivered against the French positions from Blaches to LaMaisonette. Several attempts to take LaMaisonette failed with heavy loss to the Germans, but groups of the attacking forces spread along the canal on the east side of Blaches, where the fighting continues. A German raid on hill 394 on the Verdun front was broken up by French infantry fire. East of the Meuse there was fighting with grenades in which the advantage rested with the French. The artillery was active about LaLafayette and Chenois.

GERMANS DISPERSED BY BELGIAN TROOPS

HAYRE, France, July 18.—Belgian troops operating in German East Africa have reached the shore of Lake Victoria and in a seven-hour engagement fought on July 7 they dispersed the Germans opposing their advance, taking the German commander prisoner and inflicting a number of losses on the Germans, according to an official statement issued by the Belgian war office Tuesday.

GERMAN STATEMENT OF WAR OPERATIONS

BERLIN, July 18.—The official German statement of Tuesday says that the Franco-British forces on both sides of the Somme devoted Monday to artillery preparation. Heavy attacks Monday night by the British against Pozieres on the Somme front were repulsed, as were attacks by the French at Blaches and LaMaisonette and Barleux and Soyecourt, according to the statement.

WILL SPEAK.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—Prof. K. H. Bovari, principal of one of the large schools of the city, has gone to Morgantown, where he will deliver an address before the fourteenth annual educational conference held under the auspices of the university.

ROGER CASEMENT SENTENCED TO DIE

After the Court of Criminal Appeal Dismisses His Appeal from Verdict.

LONDON, July 18.—Without hearing the attorneys for the crown, the court of criminal appeal Tuesday dismissed Sir Roger Casement's appeal from the verdict of the lower court, which found him guilty of treason for which Viscount Reading, the lord chief justice, sentenced him to death. A further appeal to the House of Lords is possible only if the attorney general gives a certificate that the decision of the court of criminal appeal involves a point of law so exceptionally important that it is desirable in the public interest that a still higher court should deal with it.

WAGE ADVANCE

Is Given again to Tonnage Men Employed by American Sheet and Tinplate Company.

SHARON, Pa., July 18.—Official notice was received here Tuesday of a further advance in the wages of tonnage men employed by the American Sheet and Tinplate Company. The company advanced wages in February and again in May. The latest increase will amount to about eight per cent, making a total increase for the year of nineteen per cent.

FIRST DAY IS BAD.

The first Good Roads day proclaimed by the governor was bad. It rained. No work was done and the roads were left in such condition that none is likely to be done the second. Roads cannot be successfully worked in rain. And who wants to work in mud?

"DRY" LEAGUE WILL OPPOSE HENRY BAKER

For Confirmation as One of the Excise Commissioners of District of Columbia.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—Henry S. Baker, of West Virginia, president of the West Virginia Society of the District of Columbia, has again been named as one of the excise commissioners of the district. Mr. Baker is an uncle of the secretary of war, Newton D. Baker, and has already served one term in the office.

Mr. Baker, with Andrew J. (Cy) Cummings, has not yet been confirmed and whether or not the Washington branch of the Anti-Saloon League will oppose confirmation has not yet been made known. Leaders of the "dry" element of the city state that there is little doubt of opposition in the case of the Baker appointment, whose renomination had already been opposed in a letter sent to the president. They state that the league's attitude toward Mr. Baker is based on the claim that this member was placed in the same category with General Smith, former head of the excise board, by the findings of the Senate committee which investigated the actions of the excise board. However, the Bakers have fared pretty well at the hands of the Wilson administration, and there is not much fear among those who know that the president will carry through the appointments he has made.

DID IT RAIN?

Well, if You Don't Think So, Just Ask George A. Custer, of Monticello.

Too much rain is enough, in the opinion of George A. Custer, well known Harrison county farmer, who resides in Monticello addition to the city. When Tuesday morning came around, Mr. Custer walked out on his back porch, took a squint at the sky and decided that there would be no more rain. And so with visions of blackberry pie dancing before him, he went forth to the fields with his buck-ets.

Three hours later Mr. Custer returned home, drenched to the skin. When members of the family asked him about the berries, he mumbled something inaudible and walked around the corner of the house.

There were no blackberry pies on the Custer table at lunch.

EXAMINATIONS

Are to Be Held for the Grade of Lieutenant in the United States Army.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—Since the appointment of the 100 members of the graduating class for this year from the academy at West Point, there remain about 1,500 vacancies in the grade of lieutenant in the army to be filled by qualified enlisted men, members of the officers reserve corps, commissioned officers of the militia and civilian candidates who qualify. Examinations for appointment to the grade of second lieutenant will be held August 21.

All of the several classes of candidates will undergo the same examination, with the exception of the honor graduates of military colleges, the certificates of which institutions will suffice in lieu of mental examinations, leaving the candidates to be examined only as to physical fitness.

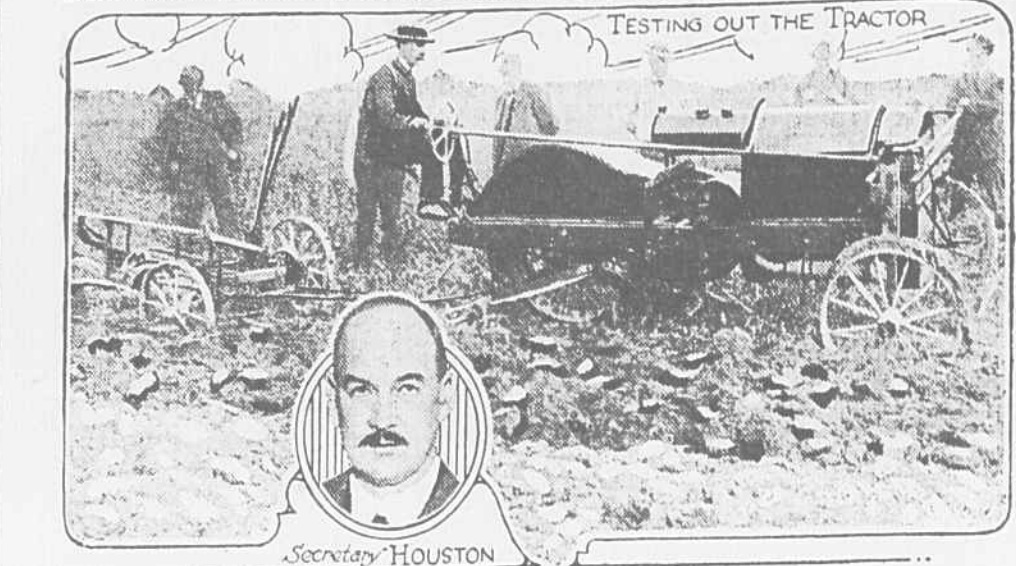
So far, it is said, about 500 candidates for appointment to the line are all that have been received, but it is hoped that this number will be added to within the intervening weeks, so as to have at least 1,000 enter the competition.

WITHDRAWN

Are Orders for Harvey L. Gregory to Recruit Second Regiment Band.

Owing to objections filed by the officers of the First regiment of the West Virginia National Guard, orders for Harvey L. Gregory, of this city, chief musician of the First regiment, to recruit a band for the Second regiment have been withdrawn. It was the consensus of opinion among both officers and men of the First regiment that the Second regiment should recruit its own band.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REPORTS ON FARM TRACTORS



A report giving the experience of several hundred farmers in the use of tractors has just been published by Secretary Houston, of the Department of Agriculture. The report gives the advantages of the farm tractor on three main points: The first is "the ability of the tractor to do the heavy work and to do it quickly, thus covering the desired acreage within the proper season." This the Department considers the principal advantage. "The saving of man-labor and the doing away with hired help," is placed next. "The ability to plow to a good depth, especially in hot weather," is placed third.

Other advantages mentioned in the report are the economy of operation, the displacement of horses, and the ability to use the tractor day and night. The report favors the smaller and less expensive tractor over the larger tractor. Smaller tractors, such as the Buckeye Junior, of Anderson, Ind., are recommended for farms of two hundred crop acres or less. The experts say they can be operated profitably on farms up to 450 crop acres.

What An Expert Says: "More than 20,000 tractors were in use last year," says G. B. Loudback, tractor expert recently in con-

ference with government authorities in Washington. "The vast majority of these were the light and inexpensive tractors. Those tractors are light enough to spare bridges and culverts. They will not pack the well-filled land, and yet they are powerful enough to plow to a depth of eight or nine inches. The tractor turns up practically virgin soil, thus enabling the American farmer to increase his output, equaling the production obtained by the European farmer through the use of enormous quantities of fertilizer."

VILLA BAND

Crosses Durango and is Fleeing Rapidly before Carranza's Sweeping Advance.

CHIHUAHUA, Mexico, July 18.—Despatches to General Trevino from General Luis Herrera at Parral received Tuesday said that the main Villa band has crossed the Durango line and is fleeing rapidly before the sweeping advance of Carranza forces. The Villistas apparently are making for Tepic, about 120 miles south of Parral, where it is expected they may make a stand.

General Eli Zondo reported from San Francisco de Borja that the only bandits in the Benito-Juarez section of Chihuahua state have been wiped out by troops at Sierra Baguashile. Seven Villistas were executed. General Trevino announced that reports in the United States of defection to Villa of several army leaders were without foundation.

POLK IS SEEN

By the Mexican Ambassador Designate Just before Cabinet Meeting.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—Eliseo Arredondo, Mexican ambassador designate, called on Acting Secretary Polk at the state department Tuesday just before the cabinet meeting. White House for the cabinet meeting. It was understood Mr. Arredondo has received instructions from his government approving a tentative plan for the settlement of differences with the United States by means of a joint international commission.

PLAGUE

Shows an Increase of 100 Per Cent in Deaths and Thirty Per Cent of New Cases.

NEW YORK, July 18.—After health officials declared they believed the epidemic of infantile paralysis to be under control, the disease made a pronounced advance Tuesday. The daily bulletin of the health department shows an increase of nearly 100 per cent in deaths and more than thirty per cent in new cases.

During the twenty-four hours preceding 10 o'clock Tuesday morning the plague killed twenty-six children and there were 121 new cases reported. During the same period ending Monday there were only fourteen deaths and ninety-five new cases in the city.

TO COMPILE STATISTICS.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—William Langley, one of the expert accountants of the census bureau, has gone to Huntington, W. Va., where he will spend some days compiling statistics relative to the municipal government of that city.

REVOLT IN BRAZIL.

RIO JANEIRO, Brazil, July 18.—The federal government has sent troops to restore order in the state of Mato Grosso where despatches announced the natives have revolted against the local authorities.

POSTMASTERS IN CONVENTION NOW

ABRAM ELKUS Is Nominated by President Wilson as New American Ambassador to Turkey.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—Abram Elkus, of New York, was nominated by President Wilson Tuesday as ambassador to Turkey to succeed Henry Morgenthau, who retired to become chairman of the finance committee of the Democratic national committee. Mr. Elkus is a lawyer and was recommended by Mr. Morgenthau.

He is fifty years old and was born and educated in New York City where he began practicing law in 1888. He has been prominent at the bar and some time ago was considered by President Wilson for a place in the federal court in New York. Mr. Elkus has been one of the leaders of the American Jewry.

GOES TO CAPITAL

First Time in Three Months and Confers in Private Room with Kern.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—Shortly after noon Tuesday, President Wilson went to the capitol. It was the first visit he had made there in months. At the capitol the president conferred in his private room with Senator Kern, the Democratic leader. It was understood that the president is very desirous of having the workmen's compensation and child labor bills included in the legislative program. They were side tracked by the caucus.

HOLIDAYS POSTPONED

By Organized Labor in England in Response to the Government's Appeal.

LONDON, July 18.—Organized labor of England responded to the government's appeal to postpone the August holidays so that the British offensive may be carried on with no shortage of ammunition. At a conference of representatives of trades unions it was decided unanimously to recommend that the government's suggestion be adopted.

SIGNS BILL.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—President Wilson has affixed his signature to two special bills of Congressman Littlepage granting pensions to William P. Harrold, of Charleston, and Silas Hunley, of Richwood.

KEMPER TRANSFERRED.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—The state department has announced among other transfers that of Graham H. Kemper, a former West Virginian, stationed as consul at Erfurt, Germany, to a new consular post at Prague.

HEALTH

Of the Pennsylvania Troops in Camp at El Paso is Good in General.

EL PASO, July 18.—The general health of the Pennsylvania troops in camp here is excellent. Eleven men of the Eighteenth infantry are in a regimental hospital while the Tenth infantry has forty-two men in the regimental hospital and one in the base hospital at Fort Bliss.

The Sixteenth has two officers and five men in the base hospital and twenty-six men in the regimental hospital.

Medical officers considered this a remarkable record.

SCENIC ROUTES IN THE STATE EXPLOITED

If the Announced Intention of the State Road Bureau is Carried Out.

The county court is in receipt of the following letter from A. D. Williams, of the state road bureau and it will be given consideration:

"Morgantown, W. Va., July 15, 1916.

"To All Members of the County Court: "Dear sir:—Notice has been received at this office that a campaign of tours is being advocated by the papers of other states for the purpose of attracting tourists to their various sections. Effort is being made to portray and impress attractions within their borders and the advantages to be derived by making tours through their streets.

"There is no state in the union, or place in the world that offers more scenic routes or affords greater attractions than our Little Mountain state. Our orchards, farms, crystal streams and beautiful valleys, as well as our myriad hills offer diversion that blessed us and it is our duty to help utilize the opportunity placed at our door. The people of other states are growing wealthy from the travelers' contribution, and none compare with us. Many tourists can be attracted to this state during the coming season if we can offer them routes to travel that will be attractive.

"What have you in your county to offer? "Will you join in making a tour across this state attractive and of worth by including your county? Will you not call this to the attention of your citizens and ask their co-operation?"

"Let us hear from you at once, giving routes, description and advantages.

"Yours very truly, "STATE ROAD BUREAU. "A. D. WILLIAMS, "Chief road engineer."

"P. S.—The federal aid delegation is now a law. Our part this year is \$55,000.

TERRIBLE PANIC.

LONDON, July 18.—A Central News despatch from Amsterdam says that great damage has been caused by an earthquake in the vicinity of Fiume, Austria. In the city of Fiume a terrible panic was caused by the earth shock.

DIAMOND RING NOW TALK OF THE TOWN

And He or She Who Wins Will Be Well Paid for Efforts Made.

The beautiful diamond ring which the Telegram has offered as a special prize to the member of the 10,000 Club who turns in the most money on subscriptions this week is the talk of the town.

The member who is fortunate enough to win this beautiful ring will be well paid for efforts made.

In addition to the special ring offer we have the following vote offer: With every club of \$15 worth of subscriptions that you turn in by Saturday night at 9 o'clock, July 22, you will receive a bonus vote ballot for 20,000 votes. You have the extra vote ballots and the \$125 diamond ring to work for this week and if you cannot make a good showing this week, your chances of winning one of the valuable prizes will be very poor indeed.

Opportunity is spelled in great big letters for those who make the best of their efforts during this week and incidentally make it interesting for those who think that they are winners of the first prize now.

Be confident in yourself and have confidence in your competitors' ability; never think that your competitors are idle. They, too, have their mark set for the grand prize.

Will you win the diamond this week? An effort to do so will improve your chances for the Overland.

TO ORGANIZE FIRE COMPANY.

Mayor A. Matthew, of Northview, has called a special meeting of the town council of that suburb to meet Wednesday evening for the purpose of organizing a fire department, and to make arrangements for an inspection of the town's water system.

TO FILL PULPIT.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—The Rev. Henry W. Tiffany, pastor of the First Baptist church, of Elkins, W. Va., will arrive here this week for a brief visit, and while in Washington will fill the pulpit of the Metropolitan Baptist church, substituting for the Rev. John Compton Ball.

SEATS WHICH CAN BE HUNG ON AUTOMOBILE DOORS TO CARRY ADDITIONAL PASSENGERS HAVE BEEN INVENTED.

Seats which can be hung on automobile doors to carry additional passengers have been invented.

Who Then Barricades Himself in a House and Holds the Police at Bay.

POLICE BLOW UP HOUSE

Negro's Wife is Killed in the Explosion and Negro Himself is Fatally Wounded.

CHICAGO, July 18.—H. J. McIntyre, a negro, after shooting and killing five persons, three of them negroes, barricaded himself in a house on the southwest side and held the police at bay Tuesday.

The dead included a white woman, who was aroused by the shooting and came to her back door in the rear of the building the negro had barricaded.

Reserves Called Out.

Police reserves were called out and more than a hundred men were stationed about the house, on the porch of which two bodies could be seen.

Gasoline was burned in front of the house in which the negro was barricaded and the police hurled sticks of dynamite into the rear.

Dynamite Used.

The explosion of the dynamite blew the rear porch and part of the kitchen into the alley, and the police entered the house. There they found the negro badly wounded and his wife dead.

After being taken to a hospital the negro died. One of the bullets entered his head.

Building Wrecked.

When the police were able to enter the building it was a wreck. They found an explanation of McIntyre's deed in a note which he left scrawled in lead pencil on a soiled piece of wrapping paper.

"The Almighty God has made me a prophet unto all nations and also my wife, Hattie McIntyre," ran the note.

"You may know that the Lord has sent me to gather unto the Lord the remnants of the Adamic seed." (At this place in the scrawl the negro wrote three capital C's and initials P. H.)

Savior He Says.

"The Lord has made me the savior of all Africans of America and now I shall recommend all that are worthy unto my heavenly father, the great God of all creation. The Lord has given me a spirit to judge the quick and the dead.

"I must die in this land that I may carry my report unto Almighty God concerning the land of the United States."

In the opinion of the police McIntyre wrote the letter just before becoming violent. McIntyre's wife is supposed to have assisted him, at least to the extent of reloading his weapons, as a cartridge belt was found around her waist. Her head was blown off by the explosion of dynamite.